



REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACER COUNTY BEAR RESISTANT GARBAGE CAN ENCLOSURE

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- If you are applying for a building permit to construct a new residential unit or an addition of more than 500 square feet of living space, an approved bear-resistant garbage can enclosure (BRGCE) must be installed per Placer County Code Chapter 8.16.
- Residential garages will not be included when calculating the square footage of an addition unless the garage will include living space.
- The location of the BRGCE needs to be indicated on all site plans submitted to Building Services. If the site plans have already been printed or submitted to Building Services, you can draw the location to scale on the site plans in green ink as requested by Building Services. Please do not generate a new site plan solely for the purpose of indicating the location of the bear enclosure.
- Building Services will be approving the location of the BRGCE. You will need to consult with building services to determine the setback from the edge of pavement for the BRGCE location. Building Services will not sign off on the building permit until the location of the BRGCE on the site plan has been approved. If a BRGCE is already in existence, the location still must be approved by building services prior to permit issuance. In some instances, relocation of improperly installed BRGCE may be required. Please see building services requirements or contact building services at (530) 581-6200. Building Services must approve the location.
- If the enclosure is located greater than 20 feet from the edge of pavement, Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD) may charge an extra fee for servicing the enclosure. TTSD offers on-site consultations at no charge to help determine a location for the enclosure. You may contact TTSD at (530) 583-7800. The Bakers Bins BRGCE is displayed at Eastern Regional Landfill at Highway 89 and Cabin Creek Road in Truckee. The Bear Guard is displayed at Swigards True Value Hardware at 200 N. Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City.
- If a garbage enclosure is already in existence at the time the applicant is applying for a building permit, the property owner must demonstrate it is approved prior to issuance of the building permit. Wooden trash enclosures and trash cans kept in garages will not be approved.

Building Services Requirements

If you are voluntarily installing a bear-resistant garbage can enclosure (BRGCE) refer to:

Section 8.16.266-C of the Placer County Code for the location requirements of the BRGCE. Therefore, bear bins shall be located on the homeowner's property, and NOT IN THE COUNTY OWNED RIGHT-OF-WAY whenever feasible. In addition, bear bins should be located a MINIMUM of 15' from the edge of pavement of the road, in order to preserve required site distance for vehicles exiting a driveway.

For situations where the 15' setback requirement is met, and the bear bin would still be located in the County right-of-way, the homeowner or contractor MUST first obtain an Encroachment Permit from the Department of Public Works PRIOR to installing the bear bin in the right-of-way. It is the responsibility of the homeowner and contractor to determine the location of the front property line prior to construction.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (530) 581-6200 with any questions or concerns regarding setback requirements for bear bins.